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SUBJECT: HOUSE DELEGATION VISIT TO SOMALIA

FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF JULY 6 SONNA ARTICLE REPORTING
ARRIVAL ON JULY 5 OF HOUSE DELEGATION.

A. QTE A 19 MAN U.S. DELEGATION ARRIVED HERE THIS
EVENING FOR AN INSPECTION TOUR TO THE PORT OF BERBERA
TO SEE WITH THEIR OWN EYES THAT NO SOVIET MILITARY BASE
EXISTS THERE.

B. QTE THE DELEGATION WHICH INCLUDES 8 CONGRESSMEN IS
HERE AT THE INVITATION OF THE SOMALI GOVERNMENT.

C. QTE THE VICE PRESIDENT OF THE SRC, JAALLE MAJOR
GENERAL HUSSEIN KULMIYE AFRAH, WHO RECEIVED THEM AT THE
AIRPORT, TOLD THE DELEGATION THAT THEIR VISIT WILL NOT
ONLY BE CONFINED TO BERBERA BUT THEY WILL ALSO HAVE THE
CHANCE OF VISITING OTHER PLACES IN THE COUNTRY TO ENABLE
THEM TO KNOW MORE ABOUT THE LIFE OF THE SOMALI PEOPLE AND
THEIR CULTURE AS WELL.

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D. QTE IN REPLY, MR. SAMUEL S. STRATTON, WHO IS A MEMBER

OF THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY AND THE HEAD OF THE DELEGATION,
SAID HE AND HIS DELEGATION WERE PLEASED TO VISIT THE
SOMALI DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC, HOPING THAT THEIR VISIT WILL
GIVE THEM THE OPPORTUNITY OF ACQUAINTING THEMSELVES
WITH SOMALI CULTURE AND TRADITIONS.

E. QTE THE DELEGATION IS EXPECTED TO LEAVE FOR BERBERA
TOMORROW. END QTE.
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